

# 2001-2010 Utah Non-Traffic Crash Facts

## Utah Department of Public Safety Highway Safety Office

*Non-Traffic crashes are those that occurred outside of the trafficway. The trafficway includes the roadway, shoulder, median, roadside, and sidewalk.*

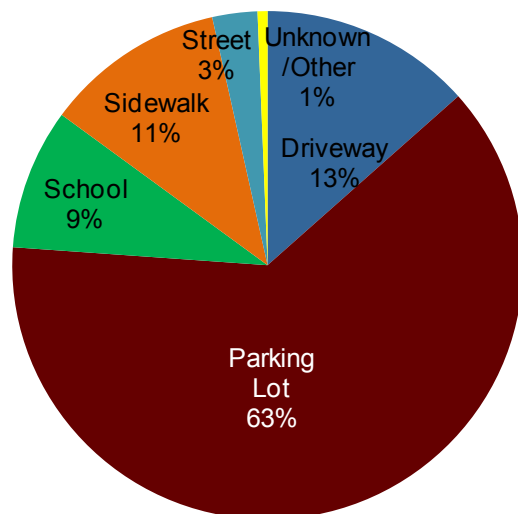
### Bicyclists and Pedestrians Not In Traffic



**There were 560 bicyclists and 2,355 pedestrians struck by motor vehicles in non-traffic areas in Utah during 2001-2010; 2,494 were injured and 86 were killed.**

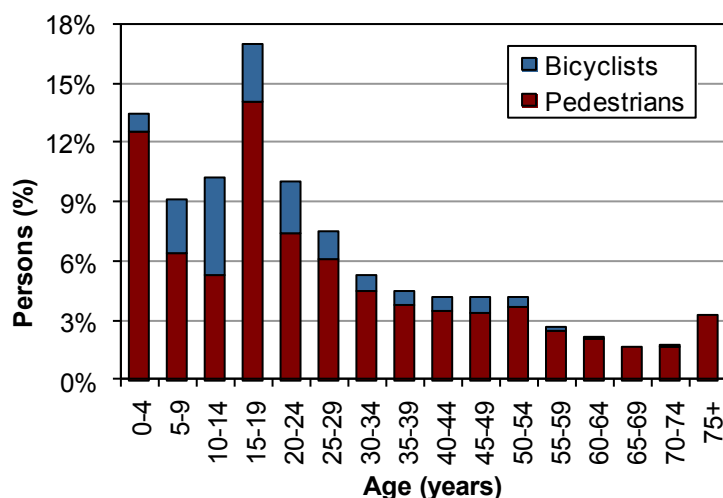
*Note: These are in addition to the 7,051 bicyclists and 7,396 pedestrians who were struck in the trafficway.*

#### Location of Non-Traffic Crashes (Utah 2001-2010)



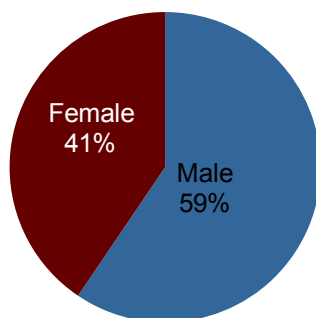
- Nearly two-thirds (63%) of non-traffic crashes occurred in parking lots.

#### Age of Bicyclists and Pedestrians in Non-Traffic Crashes (Utah 2001-2010)



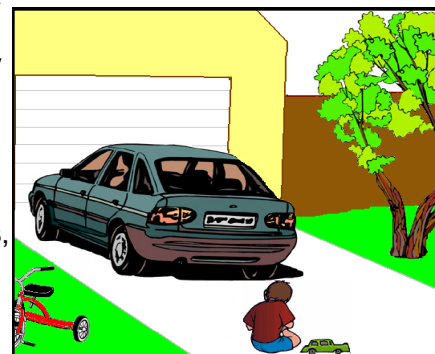
- One-half (51%) of the nonmotorists in non-traffic crashes were under 20 years of age.

#### Gender of Bicyclists and Pedestrians in Non-Traffic Crashes (Utah 2001-2010)



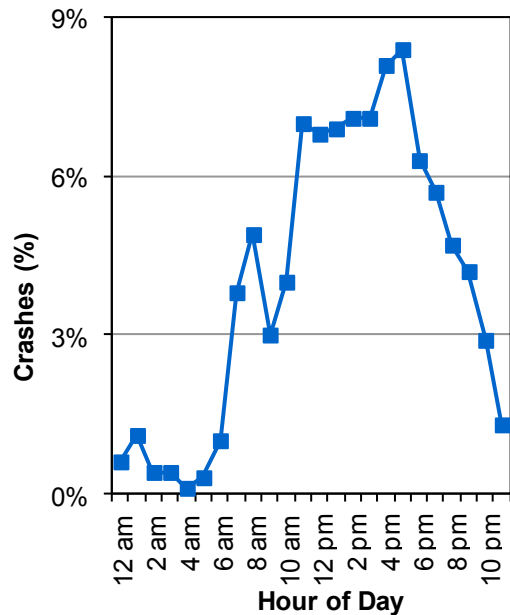
- More males (59%) than females were hit in non-traffic crashes.

"It is difficult to imagine a more devastating event than running over a child...and inflicting serious injury or death. The lifelong psychological implications...are nearly beyond comprehension. The costs of such injuries involve more than time, money, and resources. They result in disrupted lives and families, and take an enormous emotional toll on family, friends, and health care personnel."



Patrick DA, Bensard DD, Moore EE, et al.  
J Pediatric Surgery 1998;33:1712-1715

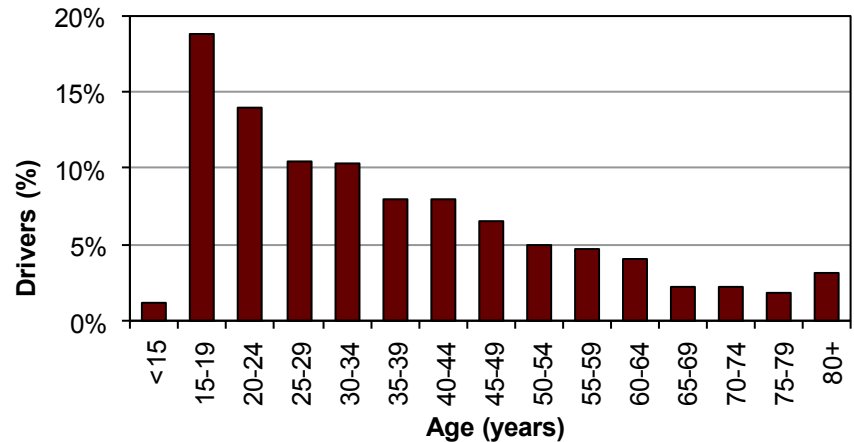
## Non-Traffic Crashes by Hour (Utah 2001-2010)



## Bicyclists and Pedestrians Not In Traffic



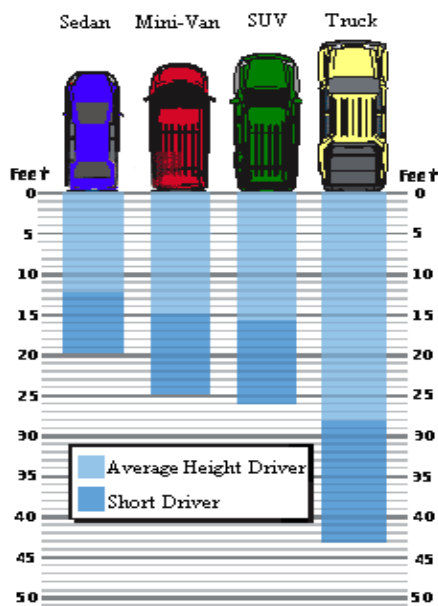
## Age of Drivers in Non-Traffic Crashes (Utah 2001-2010)



- Non-traffic crashes occurred most often between 11:00 am-5:59 pm.

- Over half (54%) of drivers in non-traffic crashes were under 35 years.

## Blind Spot Behind Vehicles



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Young children are small and hard to see and are often unaware of the dangers of a moving vehicle. Children age 5 and under are most at risk for being run over by a motor vehicle in non-traffic areas.

## Prevention Tips

- Walk completely around your vehicle before getting in.
- Know where children are. Have children stand in a place where they are in full view.
- Be aware of young children. Young children are small and hard to see.
- Parents, caregivers, and all adults need to be vigilant in supervising children, especially when children are in the driveway or parking lot playing near parked cars.
- Owners of SUVs, trucks, and vans need to take extra care to avoid hitting or running over a child.
- Teach children to move away from a vehicle whenever it is started.

